

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1-11, 13-19 and Claims 20-22 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being made in accordance with a telephone interview between the Examiner in charge of the above-identified at the Patent and Trademark Office and the undersigned attorney on Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The courtesy extended by the Examiner in arranging for and conducting the telephone interview, is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1, 5 and 9 have been amended, and Claim 20 introduced, as proposed during the telephone interview, while Claims 21 and 22 have been introduced as a result of discussion during the telephone interview. More specifically, Claims 5 and 9 have been amended to eliminate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, raised in paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Final Office Action, while Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate recitation from dependent Claim 12 which has been canceled without prejudice. Additionally, Claims 20-22 introduced herein, find clear support throughout the present application, notably in Figs. 1, 3a and 3b.

All claims had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,852 to Collins in paragraph 2 on pages 2-3 of the Final Office Action. The Examiner acknowledged, during the telephone interview, paragraph 2 on page 3 of the Final Office Action should have stated that Collins '852 discloses bushing 54 (not 64). In any event, Collins '852

discloses that U-shaped openings 53 and 54 are positioned in plates 51 and 52 of mounting assembly 43 to receive pin 18 of arm 12, with pin 18 then being retained in position by rotation of cover plate 56 to move wedge block 57 into engagement with the pin 18 along concave surfaces 58 and thereby retain pin 18 in position; the cover plate 56 is then locked in position by rotating bolt 67 into slot 76 and securing nut 69 (column 4, lines 41-55).

Accordingly, contrary to the assertion in paragraph 2 of the Final Office Action, Collins '852 fails to disclose a quick-change attachment by positive-fit or friction engagement. More particularly, in Collins '852, a separate pivot bolt 67 must be pivotally retained between plates 51 and 52 by pin 72 as shown in Fig. 4 (column 4, lines 30-37), while cover plate 56 must be separately coupled to mounting assembly 43 by being positioned in space 64 and then secured by pin 63, as also shown in Fig. 4 (column 4, lines 26-30). The two-step process described at column 4, lines 41-55 *supra*, is then required to lock pin 18 of arm 12 in position.

In this regard, it was pointed out during the telephone interview that Collins '852 also fails to disclose or suggest a bushing that is removable from the bearing, and hence replaceable; independent Claim 1 has therefore been amended to incorporate Claim 12, as proposed during the telephone interview. Additionally, as also agreed during the telephone interview, Collins '852 fails to show both a bearing and a bushing that are crescent-shaped and aligned with one another, to define a substantially C-shaped opening for receiving a tool; Claims 21 and 22 have been introduced in this regard.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims

and will not be commented upon further at this time. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also being simultaneously filed with this Amendment. Additionally, another copy of Form PTO-1449 accompanying the first Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application papers, is enclosed; it is respectfully requested the art list on this Form PTO-1449 be made of record as having been timely submitted during prosecution of the above-identified U.S. application.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks, and telephone interview in the above-identified application, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic three month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate, together with the requisite petition fee, transmittal papers for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE filing fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George M. Kaplan", is written over a horizontal line.

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